

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 137

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## Bill Status

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SCR137.....by STATE AFFAIRS  
CARBON SEQUESTRATION - Stating findings of the Legislature and urging the  
Chicago Climate Exchange's technical advisory committee to approve a  
designated "cropping region" for Idaho based on the NRCS Northwestern Wheat  
and Range Land Resource Region designation by the Natural Resources  
Conservation Service (NRCS).

03/12 Senate intro - 1st rdg - to printing

Rpt prt - to Agric Aff

03/13 Rpt out - rec d/p - to 10th Ord

03/14 10th Ord - ADOPTED - voice vote

Floor Sponsor - Stennett

Title apvd - to House

03/17 House intro - 1st rdg - to Agric Aff

03/21 Rpt out - rec d/p - to 2nd rdg

03/25 2nd rdg - to 3rd rdg

Rls susp - ADOPTED - 54-14-2

AYES -- Anderson, Andrus, Bayer, Bedke, Bell, Bilbao, Black, Block,  
Bock, Boe, Bolz, Brackett, Bradford, Chadderdon, Chavez, Chew, Clark,  
Collins, Crane, Durst, Eskridge, Hagedorn, Henbest, Henderson,  
Jaquet, Killen, King, Kren, Labrador, Lake, LeFavour, Nonini,  
Pasley-Stuart, Patrick, Pence, Raybould, Ringo, Roberts, Ruchti,  
Rusche, Sayler, Shepherd(02), Shepherd(08), Shirley, Smith(30),  
Smith(24), Snodgrass, Stevenson, Thomas, Trail, Vander Woude, Wills,  
Wood(27), Mr. Speaker

NAYS -- Barrett, Bowers, Hart, Harwood, Loertscher, Luker, Marriott,  
Mathews, Mortimer, Nielsen, Schaefer, Shively, Thayn, Wood(35)

Absent and excused -- McGeachin, Moyle

Floor Sponsor - Pence

Title apvd - to Senate - to enrol

03/26 Rpt enrol - Pres signed - Sp signed

03/27 To Secretary of State

## Bill Text

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Fifty-ninth Legislature

IN THE SENATE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND URGING THE CHICAGO CLIMATE  
EXCHANGE'S  
3 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO APPROVE A DESIGNATED "CROPPING  
REGION" FOR  
4 IDAHO BASED ON THE NRCS NORTHWESTERN WHEAT AND RANGE LAND REGION  
DESIGNA-  
5 TION BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.

7           WHEREAS, carbon offset trading is creating new financial  
incentives for  
8   landowners to maintain their forests and agricultural lands and can  
provide  
9   another source of revenue for the many farmers and ranchers of the  
state of  
10   Idaho; and

24 WHEREAS, CCX is a United States corporation and the world's  
first volun-  
25 tary, legally binding integrated trading system to reduce emissions of  
all six  
26 major greenhouse gases with offset projects worldwide; and  
27 WHEREAS, charter members in the CCX's trading operations included  
DuPont,  
28 Ford Motor Company, the City of Chicago and International Paper  
and, at the  
29 local level, the University of Idaho is also a member; and  
30 WHEREAS, rangeland, grassland and forestland acreages in  
Idaho have  
31 already been recognized by CCX as having approved, designated regions  
but CCX  
32 has not yet designated a cropland region for the state of Idaho; and  
33 WHEREAS, the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission has requested  
that CCX's  
34 technical advisory committee consider approving a designated "cropping  
region"  
35 for Idaho based on the NRCS Northwestern Wheat and Range Land  
Resource Region  
36 designation by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and  
37 WHEREAS, in support of its request, the Idaho Soil Conservation  
Commission  
38 has provided CCX with reports from Idaho's Agricultural Research  
Service Cen-  
39 ter located in Kimberly, Idaho, that address carbon  
sequestration as it  
40 relates to irrigated agriculture; and  
41 WHEREAS, the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission is also  
working with  
42 researchers at the University of Idaho and Washington State University  
to com-  
43 pile, evaluate, and format available field research pertaining to  
impacts of  
44 different tillage systems, cropping systems, and other management  
practices

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1 with the goal of determining the carbon sequestration potential of  
soils and  
2 crops occurring within the NRCS Northwestern Wheat and Range Land  
Resource  
3 Region for submission for consideration by CCX.  
4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second  
Regular Ses-  
5 sion of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of  
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6 sentatives concurring therein, that we are urging CCX's technical  
advisory  
7 committee to approve a designated "cropping region" for Idaho based  
on the  
8 NRCS Northwestern Wheat and Range Land Resource Region designation by  
the Nat-  
9 ural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be,  
and she is  
11 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Concurrent  
Resolution  
12 to the Chicago Climate Exchange.

## Statement of Purpose / Fiscal Impact

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18046

This resolution is an effort to aid the ongoing efforts of the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission and the Idaho Carbon Sequestration Committee to develop a Carbon Credit Exchange Framework for the State of Idaho. Together they have developed pilot projects for rangeland, non-industrial forest land and cropland for possible trading through the Chicago Climate Exchange(CCX). However "cropland" is not a current designated region for our state, although the CCX has recognized rangeland, forest land and grasslands. This resolution is urging the CCX to consider approving Idaho's request to designate "cropland" as acceptable to qualify the exchange program.

### FISCAL NOTE

No impact to the General Fund.

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